

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original) A barrel for a writing implement, comprising:

a barrel body having a gripping part; and

a grip member of layered structure formed by assembling an inner member of a soft material and an outer member, and put on the gripping part of the barrel body;

wherein the inner member is covered with the outer member, and at least either of the outside surface of the inner member and the inside surface of the outer member is formed in an assembly facilitating shape for facilitating putting the outer member on the inner member.

Claim 2 (Original) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 1, wherein the assembly facilitating shape is a protruding and depressed shape.

Claim 3 (Original) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 1, wherein the assembly facilitating shape is a tapered shape.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The barrel for a writing implement according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the outer member is put on the inner member so as to be separable from the inner member and the barrel body.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The barrel for a writing implement according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the outer member is transparent or semitransparent and the inner member is colored in a color different from that of the outer member.

Claim 6 (Original) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 5, wherein the inside surface of the outer member is glossy.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The barrel for a writing implement according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the inner member and the outer member are made of materials of different hardnesses, respectively, the inner member is made of a soft material having a low hardness, and the outer member is made of a soft material having a high hardness.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The barrel for a writing implement according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the inside diameter of the outer member is greater than the outside diameter of the inner member, and the outer member is axially compressed when put on the grip part of the barrel body.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The barrel for a writing implement according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the outer member is be provided with a radially inwardly extending protrusion at the front end thereof and the back end surface of the protrusion is in contact with the front end surface of the inner member.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The barrel for a writing implement according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, wherein a part of the outer member corresponding to the inner member has a mean wall thickness between 1 and 5 mm.

Claim 11 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 2, wherein the outer member is put on the inner member so as to be separable from the inner member and the barrel body.

Claim 12 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 3, wherein the outer member is put on the inner member so as to be separable from the inner member and the barrel body.

Claim 13 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 2, wherein the outer member is transparent or semitransparent and the inner member is colored in a color different from that of the outer member.

Claim 14 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 3, wherein the outer member is transparent or semitransparent and the inner member is colored in a color different from that of the outer member.

Claim 15 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 4, wherein the outer member is transparent or semitransparent and the inner member is colored in a color different from that of the outer member.

Claim 16 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 2, wherein the inner member and the outer member are made of materials of different hardnesses, respectively, the inner member is made of a soft material having a low hardness, and the outer member is made of a soft material having a high hardness.

Claim 17 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 3, wherein the inner member and the outer member are made of materials of different hardnesses, respectively, the inner member is made of a soft material having a low hardness, and the outer member is made of a soft material having a high hardness.

Claim 18 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 4, wherein the inner member and the outer member are made of materials of different hardnesses, respectively, the inner member is made of a soft material having a low hardness, and the outer member is made of a soft material having a high hardness.

Claim 19 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 5, wherein the inner member and the outer member are made of materials of different hardnesses, respectively, the inner member is made of a soft material having a low hardness, and the outer member is made of a soft material having a high hardness.

Claim 20 (New) The barrel for a writing implement according to claim 6, wherein the inner member and the outer member are made of materials of different hardnesses, respectively, the inner member is made of a soft material having a low hardness, and the outer member is made of a soft material having a high hardness.